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MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2008 which requires restriction among certain groups of claims. A Petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the deadline for response for two (2) months from October 2, 2008 to December 2, 2008 is attached.

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ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In response to the previous restriction requirement of the Office Action, dated January 8, 2008, Applicants elected Group III, claims 12 and 14, with the species election of the bait protein identified as SMURF. The new species restriction requires the following elections:

Applicants respectfully elect the following species:

- (a) detectable substance: enzyme or enzymatic label
- (b) epitope tag: FLAG
- (c) source of protein sequence: source of the protein sequence can be random, as from a library of random sequences
- (d) types, quantities, kinds of interactions: formation of protein-protein interaction complexes
- (e) induction method: the induction method involves inducing TGF- β signaling.

The generic claims are claims 12, 19, and 23. The claims that read on these species elections are claim 38 and the claims dependent thereon.